PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)	Docket Number (Optional) 176/61442 (6-1196)

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) - ($60/$120) $_____

☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) - ($225/$450) $_____

☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) - ($510/$1020) $_____

☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) - ($795/$1590) $_____

☒ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) - ($1080/$2160) $ 1,080

☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

☒ A check to cover the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 14-1138 .
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____ .

_____ Signature	May 5, 2006 Date
Edwin V. Merkel Typed or printed name	(585) 263-1128 Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☐ Total of _____ forms are submitted.